

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| Applicant: OTTOBONI <i>et al.</i>  | Docket No: 375430-002T1D1C1<br>(355479) |
| Serial No.: 10/690,045   | Confirmation No.: 3501                  |
| Filed: October 20, 2003  | Group Art Unit: 1617                    |
| For: <b>MICROPARTICLES USEFUL AS<br/>ULTRASONIC CONTRAST AGENTS AND<br/>FOR DELIVERY OF DRUGS INTO THE<br/>BLOODSTREAM</b> | Examiner: Umamaheswari<br>RAMACHANDRAN  |

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**RESPONSE AND SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

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Sir:

Applicants have considered the final Office Action mailed August 27, 2007 in the above-captioned application. Reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendments and remarks that follow is requested. Accompany this response are:

a Petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) extending the period for response by three months, to and including February 27, 2008,

a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114, and

a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(c).

**Amendments of the Claims** begin at page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin at page 5 of this paper.